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1. On 6 June 1950 Salim Mahmud,* a Baghdad lawyer, was arrested while attempting to smuggle into Iran two Jewish men disguised as women; Mahmud was attempting to cross the border at Khanaqin in his automobile.
2. In order to facilitate the crossing of the border, Mahmud had placed political or diplomatic (sic) plates on his automobile and expected that his former experience and reputation with the Police would enable him to pass the border without difficulty.
3. The Police at the border did not know Mahmud and demanded his identity papers, as well as identification of his two companions. Mahmud replied that one was his mother and the other his sister. The police became suspicious and said that the women would have to be searched. Although Mahmud objected, a search was carried out and their true identity was revealed.
4. [REDACTED] that Mahmud had received ninety Iraqi dinars from each of the Jews as payment for taking them from Iraq to Iran. As of 9 June 1950, Mahmud was in jail in Baghdad, having been refused bail; he will be tried in the near future. The two Jews were returned to Baghdad for investigation.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. Mahmud was Commandant of the Iraqi Railways Police in 1942 and was Director of the Mobile Police School in 1943.

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